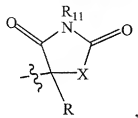


IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled)

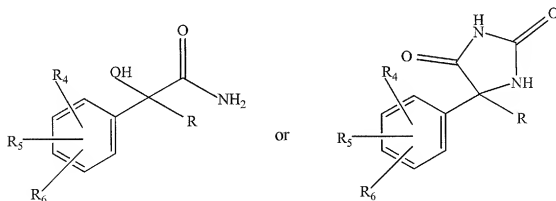
3. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a heterocyclic ring having the structure:



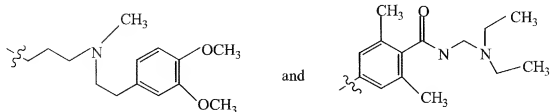
wherein X is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CHR}_{12}-$, $-\text{O}-$ and $-\text{NR}_{12}-$, wherein R_{11} and R_{12} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, benzyl and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ alkyl.

4-15. (Canceled)

16. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a neoplastic disease, said method comprising the step of administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a compound represented by the general structure:



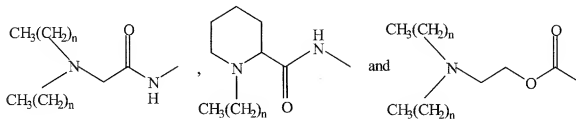
wherein R is selected from the group consisting of $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$ alkenyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$ alkynyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$ cycloalkyl,



wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4;

R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₄ alkynyl, -COR₁₁ and (C₁-C₄) alkoxy; and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of H, halo,

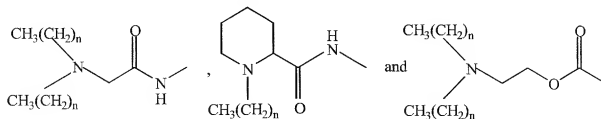


wherein R₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, NH₂ and OH.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₂ alkyl;

R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of H,

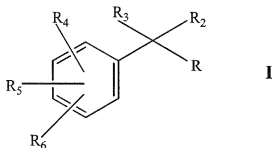


wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H and halo; and R_6 is H.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A sodium channel blocker represented by the structure:



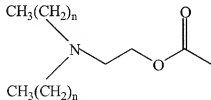
wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C_1 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alky, C_8 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_9 alkenyl, C_2 - C_9 alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_mCOOH$, $-(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $-(CH_2)_mCONH_2$, $-(CH_2)_nC_3-C_6$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ aryl, $-(CH_2)_n$ aryl, $-(CH_2)_pNCH_3(CH_2)_p$ aryl and $-(CH_2)_n$ heterocyclic, wherein m is an integer ranging from 3-8, n is an integer ranging from 0-4 and p is an integer ranging from 1-4;

R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nCONH_2$, wherein n is 3 or 4;

R_3 is hydroxyl;

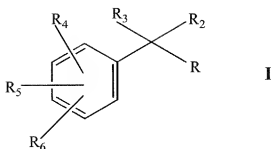
R_4 and R_5 are both H; and

R_6 is



wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-2.

22. (New) A sodium channel blocker represented by the structure:



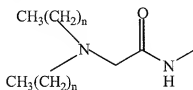
wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C₁ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkyl, C₈-C₁₂ alkyl, C₂-C₉ alkenyl, C₂-C₉ alkynyl, -(CH₂)_mCOOH, -(CH₂)_mNH₂, -(CH₂)_mCONH₂, -(CH₂)_nC₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_naryl, -(CH₂)_n aryl, -(CH₂)_pNCH₃(CH₂)_p aryl and -(CH₂)_n heterocyclic, wherein m is an integer ranging from 3-8, n is an integer ranging from 0-4 and p is an integer ranging from 1-4;

wherein R₂ is -(CH₂)_nCONH₂, wherein n is 3 or 4;

R₃ is hydroxyl;

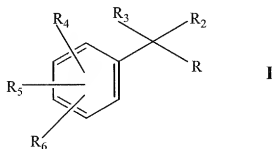
R₄ and R₅ are both C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

R₆ is

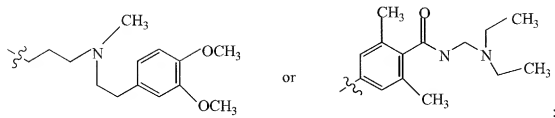


wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-2.

23. (New) A sodium channel blocker represented by the structure:



wherein R is



wherein R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nCONH_2$, wherein n is 3 or 4;

R_3 is hydroxyl;

R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; and

R_6 is H.